

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

Monday 22 February 2021 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Speaker's Office
and via Microsoft Teams

Present:

The Speaker, in the Chair

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Valerie Vaz

Sir Charles Walker

Dame Rosie Winterton

Pete Wishart

Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)

Ian Ailles (Director General)

Jane McCall (External member)

Dr Rima Makarem (External member)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION

1. RESTORATION AND RENEWAL PHASE 1 EXPENDITURE LIMIT

The Commission:

- **Noted the assurance and scrutiny arrangements that the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body has established for the Restoration and Renewal Programme and the opportunities to strengthen those arrangements to provide further assurance to both Houses, including on reporting progress to secure further savings against the Phase 1 Expenditure Limit;**
- **Endorsed the proposed approach to the preparation of the Outline Business Case;**
- **Endorsed the proposed funding of £155,613,000 for the Programme for 2021/22;**
- **Agreed, pursuant to paragraph 4 of schedule 4 of the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019, to revise the Phase 1 Expenditure Limit from £126 million to £263 million, reflecting the forecast outturn for 2020/21 of £107 million and the proposed funding for 2021/22; and**
- **Noted that the Commission will be asked in the first quarter of 2022 to consider a further revision of the Phase 1 Expenditure Limit to reflect the expenditure that is required for 2022/23, to continue to deliver the endorsed approach to the Outline Business Case.**

2. OVERSEAS TRAVEL POLICY

The Commission reconfirmed the policy of not authorising any House-funded overseas travel by Members and staff during the pandemic. The policy will next be reviewed at its April meeting.

3. PAPERS TO NOTE

The Commission took note of the following papers:

- **Draft Forward Programme**
- **Deliberations from 8 February 2021**

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 8 March 2021 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study and via Microsoft Teams.